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I believe very strongly that the remaining states should be required to accept the settlement agreed to by the Justice Department. In my judgement, the Justice Department's initial handling of the case was overly influenced by Microsoft competitors and was a major factor in bringing about the current recession. It is important to the economy that the Justice Department insist on the current proposal agreed to by the Justice Department and Microsoft.

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